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Re: Application of: Rolf LUTHER, et al.  
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Application PCT/EP2004/005603 filed May 25, 2004  
For: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATIC  
DETECTION OF AT LEAST ONE FLUORESCENT  
AND/OR LIGHT-ABSORBENT INDICATOR  
CONTAINED IN A LIQUID SERVICE FLUID  
DURING THE FILLING OF A MACHINE WITH  
SAID SERVICE FLUID**

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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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A01	US 5,958,780	Sep. 28, 1999	Asher et al.	436	56	
A02	US 5,928,954	Jul. 27, 1999	Rutledge et al.	436	56	
A03	US 5,729,967	Mar. 24, 1998	Joos et al.	60	39.06	
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A07	DE 100 53 069	May 8, 2002	DE – Germany			English abstract		
A08	EP 0 935 750	Apr. 24, 2002	EP – Europe			In English		
A09	DE 697 12 218 T2	Oct. 17, 2002	DE – Germany			Translation of EP 0 935 750		
A10	EP 1 054 251	Nov. 22, 2000	EP – Europe			In English		
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